



## Hamblin Pond

BARNSTABLE

149 Acres

Not To Be Used For Navigational Purposes

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### General Information:

This \_\_\_149 acre natural kettlehole pond has an average depth of 34 feet and a maximum depth of 62 feet. The bottom is composed primarily of sand. The shoreline is moderately developed with residential homes. The bottom is composed primarily of sand. Heavy fertilization caused by a large duck farm at the southern end of the lake results in occasional algae blooms that reduce transparency to 3 feet or less. Concerns over the algae blooms have recently led to a town-funded limnological and fisheries study of the pond.

The pond is located just west of Route 149 in the Marstons Mills village of Barnstable. Dirt ramps suitable for launching car top boats and the town of Barnstable off of Route 149 provides canoes. **There is a ten horsepower limit on outboard motors** enforced by the town of Barnstable.

This pond was reclaimed for trout management in 1960.

### Fish Populations:

The last fisheries survey, conducted in 1988, recorded five species present: yellow perch, smallmouth bass, golden shiners, killifish and brook trout.

### Fishing:

This pond is stocked annually in the spring and fall with rainbow, brook and brown trout. Bright colored doughbaits, gaudy streamers and small, flashy hardware is very effective in this murky water. The pond would probably produce good numbers of large, holdover trout, but the lower depths are depleted of oxygen due to the high fertility and low transparency. Look for trout at depths of 15 to 20 feet or less. Most warm water species will be above this depth as well, particularly during the summer.

While known primarily as a trout pond, Hamblin also offers good fishing for yellow perch and smallmouth bass. Tiger muskies were stocked here in 1988, but we have heard no reports of any being caught.

If the fish aren't biting at Hamblin, anglers can easily try nearby Shubael Pond, located just east of Route 149.

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